1	2	3	4	5	6
Pondicherry	60	60	60	34	42
Punjab	158	158	158	221	271
Rajasthan	2325	2325	2325	2772	3396
Tamil Nadu	2013	2013	2013	2009	2461
Tripura	130	130	130	147	180
Uttar Pradesh	($) 15897	($) 15897	($) 15897	17796	21800
Uttaranchal				586	718
West Bengal	10600	10600	10600	11718	14354
Govt. Quota	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
TOTAL:	72000	72000	72000	82000	100000

NOTE: ($) Quota of Uttaranchal included in Uttar Pradesh.

Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus service

2617. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus service is not able to cater to all the passengers wanting to go to the other side;

(b) the difficulties in allowing all those who want to go to the other side; and

(c) the steps that are being taken to remove those difficulties?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus serivce has adequate capacity to cater to passengers eligible to travel across the LoC on this route.

(b) to (c) Indian passengers who intend to travel to Muzaffarabad must submit their application to the designated authority, which is RPO Srinagar. After due scrutiny to establish the bonafides of the passengers, the applications are forwarded to the Pakistani designated authority. Only those passengers cleared by the Pakistani designated authority can travel to Muzaffarabad. Difficulties arising in the course of the operation of

this service are discussed by the the designated authorities of the two countries and by the two Governments through diplomatic channels.

Indo-Iran relations

2618. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indo-Iran relations are getting worse day by day;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that US Government are putting pressure to stop Indo-Iran pipeline project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) to what extent Government think that US pressure interferes India's Foreign Policy and its interests?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) No.

(e) India's relations with any country are independent of its relations with a third country. Government's foreign policy is guided by India's national interests.

Anti-Terror Mechanism with Pakistan

2619. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Anti-Terror Mechanism with Pakistan has been finalized;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken note of the reservations expressed in media by the experts on security and strategy issues;

(d) the details of Government's response on such apprehensions; and

(e) whether the mandate of such mechanism and whether resources and processes to achieve the mandate have been decided?